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Dear Ms Hesse,

I am writing in reference to the proposed Department of Justice settlement with Microsoft. While I am not hostile to Microsoft (I am writing this in Microsoft Word), I am concerned that the proposed settlement is far too weak. Despite the fact that the company has been found to have abused a monopoly position, it is effectively being let off with no punishment and minimal oversight to avoid future violations. This is all the more troubling since a previous deal was struck several years ago, and Microsoft brazenly flouted it.

I am not in favor of the proposed breakup of the company's software operations. I do support policies along the following lines:

- Microsoft networking protocols must be published in full and approved by an international standards body.
- Past and future Microsoft document formats must be published in full.
- Microsoft Internet content and service properties should be broken into a separate business.

Finally, it must be made clear that any portion of the settlement that requires information to be made available requires that it be made available to all requesters. That includes independent software developers and hobbyists, not only corporate entities.

Thank you,



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